

CARAVAN SITE LICENCE CONDITIONS – UPDATE (Min 16/98 and 394/98)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on breaches of licence conditions at four caravan sites. Caravan site licensing is a statutory duty.
- 1.2 The report recommends further monitoring of progress on three of the sites and also to find out why no progress has been made on one site.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At previous Community Services Committee Meetings Members have considered reports about compliance with caravan site licence conditions in respect of porches, sheds and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders on residential mobile home sites.
- 2.2 This report provides a summary of the current situation.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 Crouch Caravan Park

- 3.1.1 Table 1 in the Appendix shows progress made. One porch breach remains here and works have been started to remedy this.
- 3.1.2 Members previously agreed that due to lack of space on the site, the distance breaches could be dealt with over time with natural wastage. One breach has already been resolved this way. Progress with the remaining three breaches will be further monitored.

3.2 Dome Caravan Park

- 3.2.1 Progress here is shown in Table 2. The licence holders were successfully prosecuted for porch breaches last year. Steady progress is being made in this matter and in working towards resolving the distance breaches, despite lack of space on the site. These matters will be monitored further to ensure progress continues.
- 3.2.2 Substantial progress has been made towards compliance with the shed and LPG conditions, leaving only a couple of breaches that the site licence holders hope to resolve soon. These will be assessed at the next routine inspection.

3.3 Hockley Mobile Homes

3.3.1 Table 3 shows the progress made. The licence holder was successfully prosecuted for porch breaches last year. Progress is being made in this matter, with works to some breaches started but not complete. The site owner intends to take legal action against those who refuse to comply.

3.3.2 The last of the shed breaches have been resolved.

3.3.3 One of the distance breaches has been resolved and the site licence holder hopes to resolve others shortly, as they purchase old caravans that become vacant. Progress in this matter will be monitored.

3.4 Tower Caravan Park

3.4.1 Progress is shown in Table 4. There has been no progress in remedying the distance breaches since the last report to Members.

4 PREFERRED COURSE OF ACTION

4.1 Having regard to progress being made on Crouch Caravan Park, Dome Caravan Park and Hockley Mobile Homes, further legal action at this point would be counter productive. The best course of action is to monitor progress through site inspections. Any lack of progress will be reported back to Members.

4.2 The lack of progress at Tower Caravan Park is unsatisfactory. The Site Licence Holder has been requested to make comments and any that are received will be reported to the Committee.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Compliance with licence conditions improves fire safety on the sites.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Enforcement action and monitoring will divert staff from other work.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Legal action through the Magistrates Court may be taken if the site licence holder does not comply with licence conditions.

8 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The sites are all in the Parish of Hullbridge.

9 RECOMMENDATION

9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That legal proceedings are not taken at this stage in respect of the outstanding breaches at Crouch Caravan Park, Dome Caravan Park and Hockley Mobile Homes, but that progress be monitored during site inspections, with a further report in 12 months.
- (2) That prosecution proceedings be instituted against the Site Licence Holder for Tower Caravan Park for breach of site licence condition 3.1 (HHHCC).

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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

Table 1: Crouch Caravan Park

Breach	Outstanding from previously	Remedied	Remaining
Porches/Other Additions	4	3	1
LPG	0	-	-
Sheds	0	-	-
Distances	4	1	3

Table 2: Dome Caravan Park

Breach	Outstanding from previously	Remedied	Remaining
Porches/Other Additions	32	12	20
LPG	37	36	1
Sheds	9	7	2
Distances	14	5	9

Table 3: Hockley Mobile Homes

Breach	Outstanding from previously	Remedied	Remaining
Porches/Other Additions	12	3	9
LPG	0	-	-
Sheds	2	2	0
Distances	8	1	7

Table 4: Tower Caravan Park

Breach	Outstanding from previously	Remedied	Remaining
Porches/Other Additions	0	-	-
LPG	0	-	-
Sheds	0	-	-
Distances	6	0	6